

## *District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers*



As Hurricanes Matthew and Nicole have just reminded us, it's still Hurricane Season through Nov. 30, so please make sure you have enough emergency supplies on hand to last for at least three days (72 hours).

**New Police Substation** – I am happy to announce that on Oct. 10, we opened a new Fort Lauderdale Police Substation at the Harbor Shops and held a Neighborhood Crime Meeting there that evening. Located at 1845 Cordova Road - Suite 207, this substation demonstrates the City's commitment to community policing and promoting a visible awareness of law enforcement in our neighborhoods. The substation will bring more police into District IV more frequently and is a concrete example of how the Police Department continues to emphasize its important role as community builders by working in partnership with our

neighbors. I am especially proud that the substation honors Police Officer Jose Diaz, who died in the line of duty in October 2005. Officer Diaz exemplified what community policing is all about, and this substation will serve as a lasting reminder of his dedication and service.

**King Tides** – King Tides are expected to return Nov. 12 - 18 and Dec. 12 - 16. As we have witnessed, they have the potential to impact our neighbors and our ability to provide City services. Remember to follow the detours, avoid driving through flood waters, and call 954-828-8000 to report any flooding or clogged storm drains you encounter. To help prepare, see <http://fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/king-tides>.

**SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Mobility Plan** – The third and final public workshop on the SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Mobility Plan will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 PM (location is to be determined, so please watch for upcoming announcements).

**New Tree Mitigation Calculations** – The City will host two public meetings to educate neighbors on these new calculations (changes to the ULDR) that will go into effect January 1, 2017: Thursday, Nov. 17 from 3 - 5 PM and Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 6 - 8 PM. Both meetings will be held at the Brewton Center, 700 NW 19 Ave.

**Half-penny Sales Surtax on Nov. 8 Ballot** – Florida law authorizes local governments to impose various types of local option surtaxes. As part of an agreement with Broward County and other municipalities, the Commission has supported putting two of these discretionary taxes on the November ballot, the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax (1/2 cent) and the Local Government Infrastructure Surtax (1/2 cent). The website, <http://www.APennyAtWork.com>, provides details and the ballot language. See, also, <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/budget-cip-and-grants-division/penny-at-work-infrastructure-plan>.

**Citizen Recognition** – Honored on Oct. 5 at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizens Recognition Awards were: The Late Charles A. "Chuck" Black, Citizen of the Year; The Late John F. Fuhrer, Honored Founder; The Late Dr. James F. Sistrunk; Honored Founder; Ada B. Moore; Exemplary Former City Employee; and Michael C. Weymouth, Distinguished Citizen.

**Passing of Gene Dempsey** – On Sept. 30, we lost an exemplary employee, Gene Dempsey, our Urban Forester, after his courageous battle with cancer. For 19 years, Gene oversaw numerous, invaluable programs to preserve, protect, and enhance our environment. For example, he spearheaded the City's Adopt-a-Tree Program to increase our urban canopy, and he was instrumental in ensuring our continued designation as a "Tree City USA," an accreditation we have held for nearly four decades. Gene will be deeply missed by those who knew him both professionally and personally.

**Telephone Town Hall Meetings (TTHMs)** – Thanks to everyone who participated in my TTHM on Oct. 13. There were 3,726 neighbors who joined the call, with more than 650 people on the call at the same time during peak participation. Twelve people asked questions or made comments on such topics as bicycle safety, code violations, future development, King Tides, and flooding. The link to previously recorded TTHMs is <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-manager-s-office/public-affairs-office/telephone-town-hall-meetings>.

### **For The Calendar:**

- **Hazardous Waste and Electronics Drop-off Events** – Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 AM – 2 PM, 1660 NE 10 St - Northside Baseball Complex, Pompano Beach; Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 AM – 2 PM, 6011 Nob Hill Rd, Tamarac. Proof of Fort Lauderdale residency is required. For details, visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhw](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/hhw).
- **Neighborhood Design Criteria Revisions Open House** – Thursday, Nov. 10, 6 PM; Brewton Center, 700 NW 19 Ave.
- **FLPD Holiday Fundraiser to Benefit City Children** – Nov. 10, 6:30 PM; La Bamba, 1901 Cordova Rd; 954-828-6600.
- **Veterans Day** – Friday, Nov. 11. City Hall will be closed. Ceremony set for 11 AM, Sandy Ninger Statue, Riverwalk.
- **Christmas Pageant** at First Baptist Church – Shows run Friday, Dec. 2 - Sunday, Dec. 18; <http://ChristmasTickets.com>.
- **Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade** – Saturday, Dec. 10, 6:30 PM; <http://www.winterfestparade.com>.

➤ My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 4 - 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM - Noon (in non-Commission weeks). To schedule a meeting or sign up to receive this newsletter and other information about what's going on in the City, contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or [mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov).